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SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO EXIMBANK FOR GE LOCOMOTIVES

REF: STATE 41825

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF EXIMBANK'S NEED FOR INFORMATION REQUESTED, AND BANK SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EMBASSY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY GPRM.

2. ALL REPEAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THIS EMBASSY TO GPRM HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA). WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONTACT ANY MEMBER, AGENCY, MINISTRY OR OTHER ENTITY OF THE GOVERNMENT UNLESS THE MFA AUTHORIZES IT OR MAKES ARRANGEMENTS. TO DATE THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO IN REGARD TO ANY MATTER PRESENTED TO IT BY THIS EMBASSY.

3. THE REQUEST FOR REFTEL INFORMATION WAS INCORPORATED IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO SHARFUDINE KHAN, DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAS AND EUROPE DIVISION OF THE MFA, AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM AT LENGTH ON JAN 28. ALTHOUGH WE HAD ASKED IN THE NOTE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SPEAK WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, MR. KHAN TOLD US THAT HE WOULD FIND OUT THE INFORMATION AND RELAY IT TO US.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS, WE HAVE PATIENTLY BUT PERSISTENTLY PURSUED THE MATTER WITH MR. KHAN. THE FIRST REPEAT FIRST HINT THAT ANYTHING WAS BEING DONE WITH THE REQUEST CAME MARCH 2,
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WHEN WE WERE INFORMED BY MR. KHAN (AT OUR INITIATION) THAT THE

NOTE HAD BEEN SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING AND THE MINISTRY OF IFNANCE. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INTERPRETATION OF FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS MINISTRIES, IT STILL HAS SEVERAL OTHER MINISTRIES TO GO THROUGH BEFORE IT REACHES PEOPLE WHO CAN PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, OR REACHES THE BANCO DE MOCAMBIQUE AND THE CAMINHOS DE FERRO DE MOCAMBIQUE.

5. ACCORDING TO KHAN, OFFICIALS IN THESE MINISTRIES WERE SLIGHTLY PIQUED BECAUSE THE MATTER HAD BEEN INITIATED BY CFM WND BM WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, KHAN URGED US "NOT TO LOSE HOPE."

6. DEPARTMENT AND EXIMBANK SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT GPGM BUREAUCRACY CREAKS ALONG VERY SLOWLY, AND SOMETIMES NOT AT ALL. COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MINISTRIES OR ENTITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE VERY POORLY COORDINATDD. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE INFORMATION, AND WILL REPORT ANY PROGRESS.
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